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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Inspector General Act Implementation and Office of Inspector
General Policy Guidance (Revision 1)

References: (a) Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended
(b) Declaration of Independence
(c) United States Constitution
(d) Quality Standards For Federal Offices of Inspector General
(President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency 2003)
(e) Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General
(Association of Inspectors General 2001)

Purpose: This Memorandum implements Reference (a), superseding IG Policy
Memo of February 10, 2003.

Policy: The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended in 1982, established the
Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense as an "independent and
objective unit" of the Department of Defense. As the organic statute for this
Office, the letter and the spirit of Reference (a), along with the letter and spirit of
the organic laws of the United States of America, References (b) and (c), shall be
infused, whenever possible, into all prescribed policies, procedures, and activities
of this "independent and objective" Office of Inspector General.

Policy Guidance: References (d) and (e) are hereby incorporated by reference as
policy guidance for all components of this Office of Inspector General.

Effective Date: This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately.


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